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SUBJ: GOP ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROGRAM: FURTHER REACTION

REF: LISBON 981

1. THE DOMINANT REACTION EMERGING FROM DISCUSSION OF THE NEW ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL PROGRAM (REFTEL) IS THAT THE DOCUMENT, THOUGH DEFECTIVE, CAN BE LIVED WITH AND IS PROBABLY THE BEST OBTAINABLE GIVEN THE WIDE POLITICAL DIFFERENCES AMONG THE PARTIES PARTICIPATING IN THE GOVERNMENT. CONCERN IS SHIFTING FROM THE WORDING OF THE PROGRAM TO THE WAY IN WHICH THE GOVERNMENT WILL IMPLEMENT IT.

2. TOLERATION OF THE PROGRAM BUT WORRY ABOUT ITS IMPLEMENTATION WAS VOICED PRIVATELY TO US FEBRUARY 24 BY AN OFFICIAL OF ONE OF PORTUGAL'S LARGEST COMMERCIAL BANKS. THE SAME ATTITUDE, LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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ACCORDING TO FEBRUARY 24 O SECULO, APPEARED IN A SPEECH TO

RURAL WORKERS BY PEREIRA DE MOURA, MDP LEADER AND LEFTIST FORMER MINISTER WITHOUT PORTFOLIO IN THE PALMA CARLOS GOVERNMENT. THE BANKER FEARS THAT GOVERNMENT IMPLEMENTATION WILL FAVOR WORKERS EXCESSIVELY; PEREIRA DE MOURA, THAT THE GOVERNMENT WILL NOT GO FAR ENOUGH.

3. AN ARTICLE IN EXPRESSO (FEBRUARY 22), PPD-ORIENTED WEEKLY, ALSO FINDS DEFICIENCIES IN THE PROGRAM BUT DESCRIBES IT AS ONE THAT APPEARS TO DEFINE THE POSSIBLE POLITICAL CONSENSUS OF PORTUGAL'S SOCIO-ECONOMIC FUTURE. IN FEBRUARY 24 DIARIO DE NOTICIAS, PPD IS QUOTED AS SAYING THAT ALTHOUGH GOP ECONOMIC-SOCIAL PROGRAM DOES NOT CONFORM ENTIRELY WITH PPD PROGRAM RE THESE MATTERS, IT IS ONE TO WHICH THEY ARE HONESTLY AND LOYALLY COMMITTED.
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